

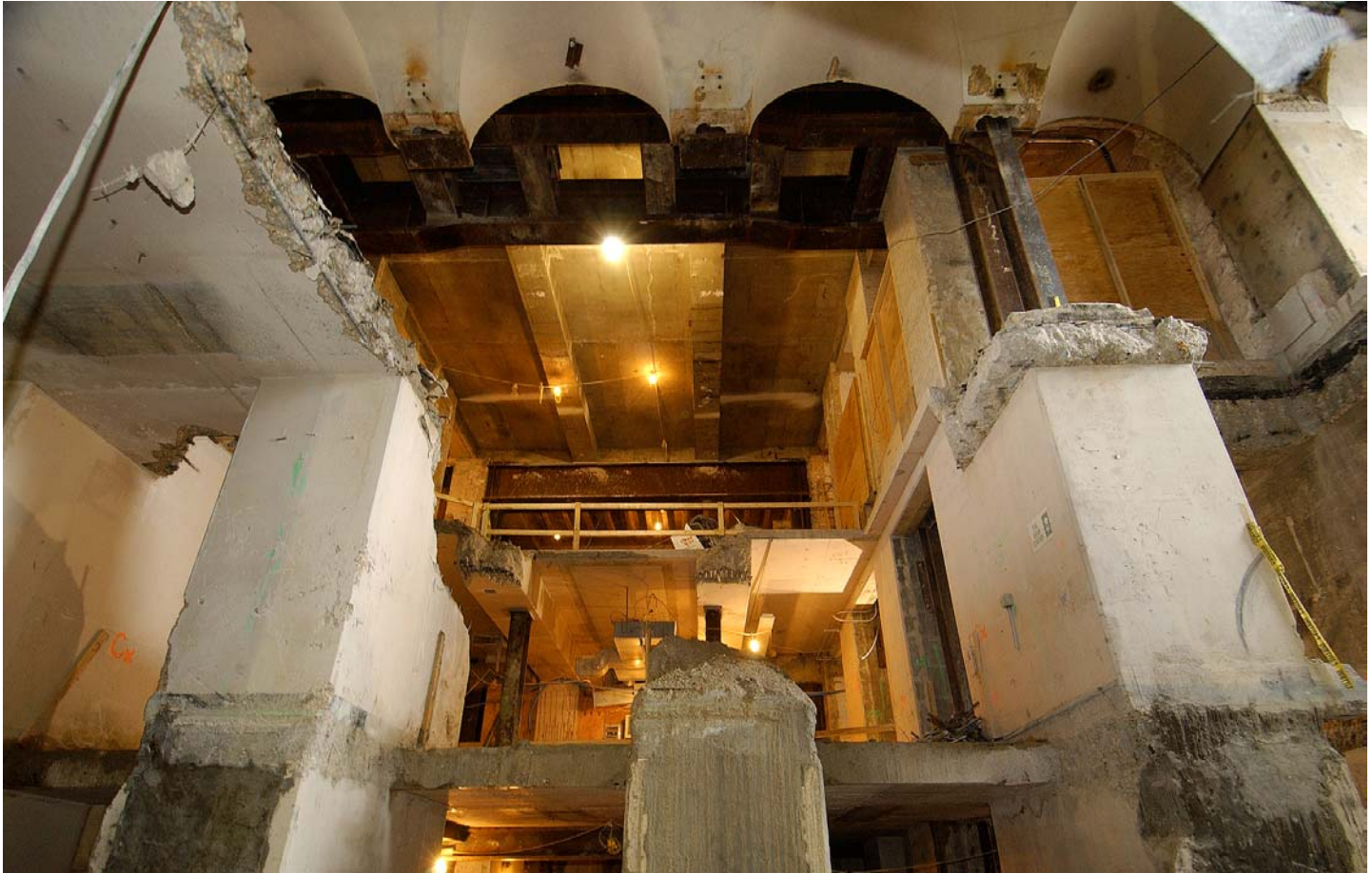


United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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Demolition continues at a steady pace inside the East Front Extension. The center of the photo above represents the primary transition zone between the CVC and the Capitol (at the Crypt level) and will include a grand central staircase flanked by two escalators. The arcade structure at the very top of the photo is the ceiling of the former carriage way pass-through below the East Front Center Steps.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 10/04/04 through 10/08/04

East Front Plaza Highlights:

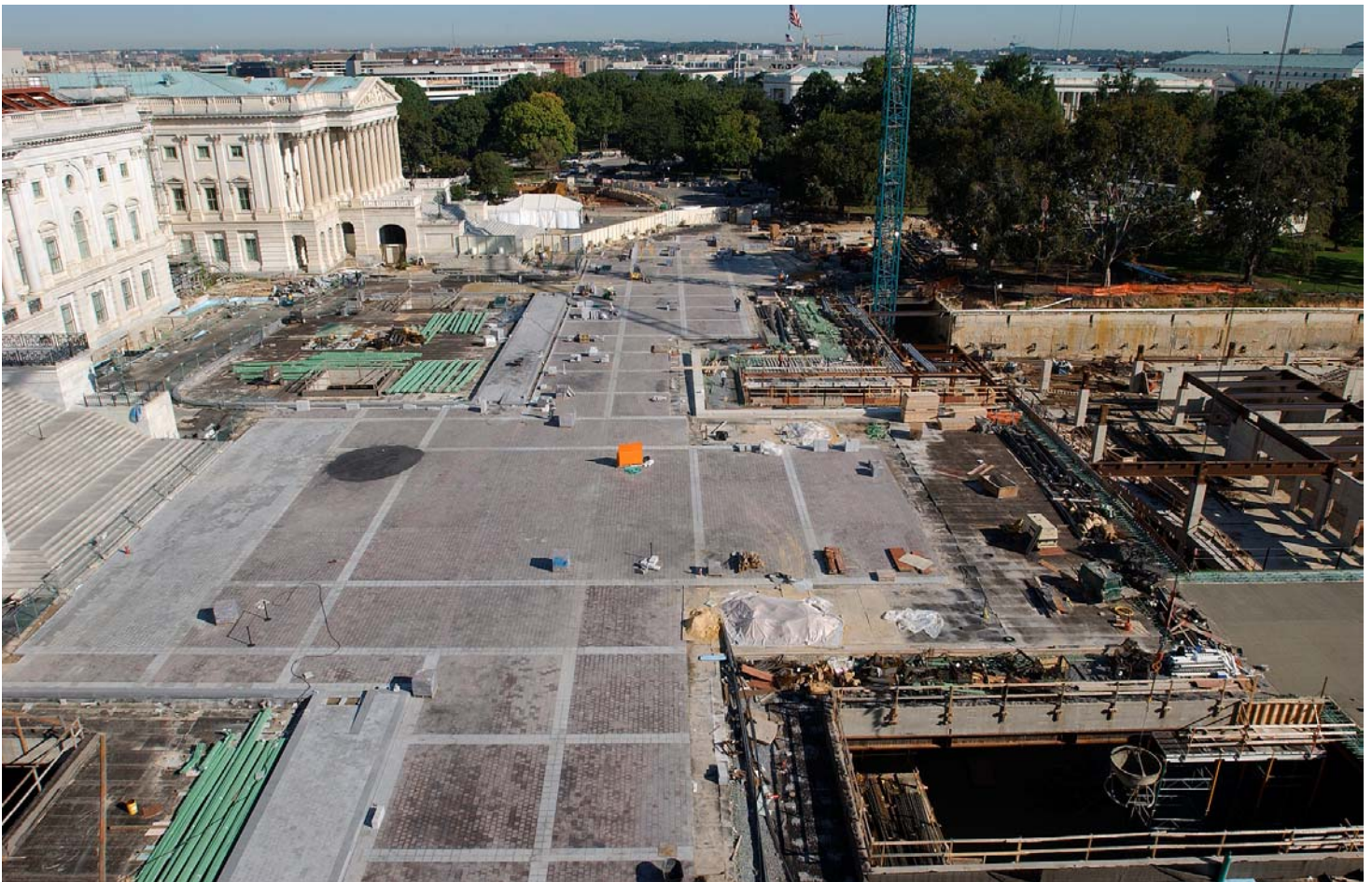
- Crews continue to build mechanical spaces, erect formwork, pour concrete, and install utilities throughout the site.
- Three quarters of the concrete is in place for the roof of the Congressional Auditorium.
- Stone masons have now placed more than 70,000 8-inch square granite pavers on the CVC roof deck. The pavers will cover the western half of the CVC roof deck in time for the inauguration in January 2005.
- Crews continue to place steel beams and roof decking sheets in the northeast quadrant of the site above the visitor screening zone.
- Close to 90 percent of the interior concrete structural walls for the visitor screening zone have been completed.

East Front Extension (Inside the Capitol)

- Crews continue to erect structural steel inside the East Front Extension and continue with demolition activities to clear the way for elevator shafts, escalators, stairwells and new mechanical systems.
- Installation of new mechanical systems will begin next week.

Truck Tunnel Construction

- **Milestone:** All concrete placements have been completed for the truck tunnel.
- Crews continue to backfill the area above the tunnel and have begun restoring areas along Northwest Drive.



This photo taken 9/22/04 shows most of the western half of the East Front Plaza deck covered with more than 70,000 8-inch-square paving stones.

Library of Congress (LOC) Tunnel

- Crews will continue to place concrete (more than 50 percent complete), install waterproofing and assemble formwork for the tunnel walls along the western half of the LOC tunnel within the site.

Next Week – 10/11/04 – 10/15/04

East Front Plaza Work

- Workers will continue placing the granite paving stones on the CVC roof deck.
- Workers will continue to install utilities, build mechanical spaces, erect formwork and place concrete for lower and upper level floor slabs in the northwest and southwest quadrants (adjacent to the Capitol) of the site.
- Steel crews will continue to install the columns, beams and roof decking sheets for the northeast quadrant of the CVC roof deck.

East Front Extension

- Steel crews will continue to erect steel within the East Front concrete structure. Demolition of structural elements will continue on all levels within the East Front Extension and in the Carriageway below the East Front portico.

Truck Tunnel Construction

- Workers will continue to backfill above the tunnel roof along Northwest Drive and where the tunnel passes below the Senate Plaza and at its connection point with the CVC near the Senate Steps. Restoration of portions of Northwest Drive continues.

Library of Congress (LOC) Tunnel

- Formwork assembly, concrete placements and waterproofing will continue in various zones along the LOC tunnel route. Pedestrian access will continue along the east side of the work zone on First St. SE and existing traffic patterns will continue.

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Above: A recent evening view of the Capitol and the CVC project site looking west taken from a stationary camera fixed to the dome of the Library of Congress.

Right: A view inside the pedestrian tunnel to the Library of Congress shows the progress of formwork and rebar assembly. Close to 50 percent of the concrete for the LOC tunnel has been placed.

Below: Workers continue to place granite paving stones to prepare the western half of the East Front Plaza deck for the Inauguration in January 2005.



Clockwise from right: A view inside the Congressional Auditorium shows the progress of steel erection and concrete placements. The top center of the photo shows the tiered support structure for the mezzanine seats in the auditorium.

A view of the interior concrete walls within the CVC's visitor screening zone. A steel roof structure now covers most of this zone.

A wide view of the interior western half of the CVC looking south. The concrete structure and columns at the top right of the photo show the existing structure below the East Front where the primary transition from the CVC to the Capitol will occur.

A steel worker guides a crossbeam in place for the CVC roof deck.

